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Note:

In an address at Columbia, South Carolina, March 25, 1920, Secretary Meredith vitalizes a huge subject, necessarily heavy and statistical, with his first sentence:

"I should like to have you know what I mean when I say the Department of Agriculture is at your service."

A generous dissemination of this address endows the public with a liberal knowledge on many subjects pertaining to cotton.

Public men still live who remember the "midnight oil" and the aphorism "no royal road to learning" but in these days of good roads, even learning has found a macadamized highway.

COUNTY AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS' MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS BY STATES.

ALABAMA

The Directors and the State leaders in the negro work will hold a meeting at Tuskegee on April 22 and 23 for the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

A Woman's Short Course will be held in Escambia County the last week in April devoted to the use of Labor Saving devices. Miss Wessling of this Office is requested to attend.

A very favorable report of the Montevallo meeting has been made by Mr. O. B. Martin, Mr. Frants P. Lund and Miss Wessling and Miss Keown.

The annual convention of the American Cotton Association will be held at Montgomery on April 13 - 16. On opening day besides the address of the President of the Association, Mr. J. S. Wanamaker, an address will be made by Dr. Bradford Knapp on "Sane and Safe Farming". On the morning of April 14, Mr. J. A. Evans, Chief of the Extension Work in the South will make an address on the "Necessity for Diversification."

Mr. W. C. Winston has been appointed District Farm Demonstration Agent for this state with headquarters at Auburn. Mr. Neal Prisock has been chosen as his successor in county agent work, Pickens County.

The Bankhead Federal Aid Bill of \$85,000,000 will always stand in memoriam of a permanent blessing to the farmer.

Mention of fairs for the different States will be given in the May issue of "First Aid."

ARKANSAS

The District Home Demonstration Agents from the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas held their meeting at Texarkana on April 1 and 2. Miss Reese and Miss Keown of this Office were in attendance.

A meeting of all the agents of the nearby counties will be held at Clarkesville, Johnson County on April 12. Mr. Frants P. Lund will be present and specialize in canning.

A State wide farmers' meeting has been called by the Extension Division to be held at Fayetteville on August 17 - 20. All counties having agents will be represented. Mr. I. O. Schaub of this Office is requested to be present.

The 8th Annual Convention of the U. S. Good Roads Association as well as the Good Roads Show will be held at Hot Springs on April 12 to 17. The Department of Agriculture and the War Department will each have an exhibit.

A Negro Farm Congress will be held at the Branch Normal School at Pine Bluff on August 10 to 13.

Arkansas boasts of having the first real motorized farm in the South. This farm of 340 acres is a part of the Russellville State District College which is attended by many girls and boys of this State.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Secretary states that he will enlarge the advisory committee of State highway officials, which consists of six members. This committee consults with the Department on Federal policies in road building.

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In the Auditorium, at 11 a. m. on March 30, a most instructive meeting was held by our Director, Dr. A. C. True, and his Administrative Assistant, Mr. E. Merritt. This meeting was of great benefit to the members of the States Relations Service in teaching the best methods of keeping personal accounts and thereby reducing the high cost of living. Interwoven with the information received were gleams of humor which should always "bedew duty."

The announcement made by Dr. True concerning the decided improvement in the condition of Mr. Alvin Dille, Specialist in Agricultural Education, gave pleasure to all present.

The Directors and the State leaders in the negro work will hold three meetings at the places and dates named below:

Hampton, Virginia, on April 8 and 9, for the states of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Kentucky.

Tuskegee, Ala., on April 22 and 23, for the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

Prairie View, Tex., on April 28 and 29, for the states of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Mr. O. B. Martin and Mr. Frants P. Lund of this Office have just returned from a visit of several weeks to the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama. A feature of interest in this trip is the fact that they were accompanied by Mr. Lorensen, the agricultural attache of the Danish Legation, and Miss Grinbar of the Columbia University, the latter will later in the summer visit France with Mr. Lund. Both of these visitors are making a study of Demonstration Work.

Mr. Mulford of the Bureau of Plant Industry is working in cooperation with us in the home and lawn beautification.

Mr. J. A. Evans calls to our attention that "one of the things that the new Secretary of Agriculture is impressing on us is the great need of promoting the livestock industry in the South." The Extension Service not only aids the farmer in the production of crops and livestock but advises with them regarding marketing and the conveniences and beautification of the farm homes.

We regret the retirement from service of the Chief Forester, Col. Henry S. Graves, but note with pleasure the statement of the Secretary concerning the appointment of Col. W. B. Greeley as his successor: "The Department is fortunate in having available a man so well qualified to fill an exceptionally difficult and responsible position, and I am convinced that the public interests in forestry will be in good hands with Col. Greeley at the head of our Forest Service."

Miss Keown after attending the Alabama State meetings of home demonstration agents, engaged in special work with the county agents of Tennessee and Arkansas on home beautification, after which she expects to attend the district meetings in Texas.

Mr. Mulford of the Bureau of Plant Industry revisited the States of Alabama Tennessee and Arkansas with Miss Keown in continuation of his last year home beautification work.

On account of the quarantine concerning cotton etc. in the States of Texas and Louisiana a public hearing is to be held by the Department of Agriculture at 10 a.m. on April 6, in Room 11, Federal Horticultural Board.

Farm congresses or short courses will be held in the four States west of the Mississippi river, Texas, the first, Louisiana not determined, Arkansas the third, and Oklahoma the fourth week in August.

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A request has come from the Department of Justice for help in carrying on the campaign against the high cost of living in the District, beginning on April 5, and lasting the week.

FLORIDA

Mr. H. E. Savely, Field Agent and Agriculturist, will continue to visit among the county agents of this State until April 12.

It looks as though the home demonstration agents' work is certainly increasing in this State when 42 girls of the community take up the "home improvement project."

Mr. Frants P. Lund, returned on March 25, from a successful trip to Florida spent in specializing on meat canning and other lines. He was present at Gainesville at a meeting of the agriculturists and district demonstration agents at Tampa at a meeting of the demonstration agents - at Brandon, at a girls' club meeting - at Bartow, Polk County and also at Miami where he was joined by Mr. O. B. Martin and both were present at a practical demonstration of the steam pressure cooker held by the Ladies Club of this city.

At St. Augustine, Mr. Lund as a new interest made an inspection of the special back yard poultry work. Other matters of importance on this trip have been mentioned in the D. C. items.

The 33rd annual meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society will be held in Ocala, beginning May 4 to 7.

Commissioner W. A. McRae will shortly publish a new map of this State in the compact form.

KENTUCKY

The meeting of the Conference on Rural Life and Education will be held at Berea College on May 8 to 11.

Boys' club meetings will be held at Williamsburg on May 28 and 29. Mr. Hill is placed on the program.

William Jefferson Carr of Newbern writes a letter to the Smithland Bank thanking them for a prize given him for having the best pig in the Livingston Club. The pig weighed 257 pounds and was sold for \$38.55.

Kentucky claims at least 7,000 members for the farm bureaus.

LOUISIANA

Mr. L. W. Wilkinson, former county agent for Jefferson Parish has been appointed District Agent for South Louisiana. His territory will cover the Florida Parishes and the down river territory formerly supervised by Mr. Perrin, save for the parishes of Pointe Coupee, Avoyelles, Evangeline, and Vermilion which are all under Mr. J. A. Redhead.

MARYLAND

A Woman's Short Course will be held at Denton on the Eastern Shore on April 15 and 16. Miss Wessling of this Office will attend.

The Maryland Agricultural Society will hold its next meeting at Salisbury on November 16 to 18. This is the first of these meetings to be held on the Eastern Shore.

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MARYLAND (Cont'd.)

All the counties on the Eastern Shore have farm loan associations.

Mention should be made that Mr. I. W. B. Hill in Charge of the Boys' Club Work has been requested to be present in the interest of his work in St. Mary's county on April 21.

MISSISSIPPI

"Club girls to the number of 116 are now paying their way through school by the money earned in club work.

NORTH CAROLINA

The home demonstration agents will hold "The Housekeepers Week" at Henderson on April 5 to 10.

Miss Reese is invited to be present at Asheville the week of May 29, to help put on an educational milk campaign given by the county home and farm demonstration agents and dairy specialists of this State.

A Conference on Education has been called to meet at Greensboro, on April 29 and 30, and on May 1.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association meets at Asheville, from June 16 to 18, inclusive, at the same time as the North Carolina County Commissioners Association.

North Carolina has organized nine bull associations. The last one being in Union County.

Mr. Charles S. Jones of the division of markets of the North Carolina Experiment Station at Raleigh, states that he "will be glad to hear from farmers in communities where livestock markets are not satisfactory and will give any possible assistance in helping work out a better plan of marketing all classes of livestock."

OKLAHOMA

The Texarkana meeting of the home demonstration agents was held on April 1 and 2 for the same four States.

Miss Madge Reese of this Office will be present during the week of April 26 at Oklahoma City and Muskogee to help the State extension workers in fair associations in planning educational milk and dairy product exhibits for the State fairs this fall in the States of Arkansas and Mississippi.

The extension division of the A. & M. College reports 28,027 boys and girls and 2,018 women enrolled as club members under the supervision of 68 county agents and 38 home demonstration agents.

The annual summer meeting of the Agents and State Farm Congress will be held at Oklahoma City during the last week in August. Mr. J. A. Evans, Chief of Extension Work South is requested to be present.

SOUTH CAROLINA

A short course for women and girls will be held at Rock Hill on June 4 to 11, inclusive. Miss Christine South has requested Miss Madge Reese to be present and help put on exhibits in labor saving devices in homes. Mr. J. A. Evans is requested to make an address during this meeting.

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The winter season not having proven a favorable time for the short courses of Clemson College, July and August will hereafter be the months in which they will be held.

District meetings of the agents will be held at the following places:

Florence.....	April 5.
Aiken.....	" 6.
Spartanburg.....	" 8 to 10.

Mr. O. B. Martin, in charge of the home demonstration work South will be present at the district meetings and is requested to make an address at Florence on "The Organization of Extension in the South."

Mr. Mulford of the Bureau of Plant Industry will make addresses on landscape gardening at these three meetings.

Miss Keown of this Office, after attending the Alabama meetings of the home demonstration agents and being engaged in special work with the county agents of Tennessee and Arkansas on home beautification will attend these district meetings.

The series of meetings of the Woman's Council will be held during June and July by Miss Forney, the dairy specialist. Subjects: "A better butter campaign and the uses of the steam pressure in canning and cooking."

County Agent J. Frank Williams requests Mr. J. A. Evans, Chief of Extension Work South, to be present at Sumter, and on April 6 to 20th deliver an address on "How may a Chamber of Commerce Best Serve the Interest of the Business Men and Farmers in Meeting the Boll Weevil Situation for the Next Two or Three Years."

The thirty-seven county boll weevil conferences in the boll weevil districts were well attended by the farmers and business men of all over the State.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee extends hearty assurances of cooperation and assistance to Mr. I. O. Schaub, the new Agriculturist and Field Agent for this State.

Mr. I. W. Hill in charge of boys' club work in the South makes the following statement concerning certain changes in the keeping of accounts of the cost of growing their demonstration crops: "After consulting with farmers, State, district and county agents and field men in this Office, we have decided the following charges should be made:

Time of member.....	20¢ per hour
Time of team.....	10¢ per hour per horse
Barnyard manure.....	\$3.00 per ton or two horse load or
	\$1.50 per $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or one horse load.
Commercial fertilizer.....	At market price.
Rent of land.....	\$5.00 per acre & \$1.00 per $\frac{1}{8}$ acre.

In Knox County the Council of Agriculture is planning a better livestock campaign and making arrangements for the total elimination of all scrub sires in the county.

"Summing up several outstanding phases of work done in a number of counties by farmers through the help of the county agent, it is seen that county agents and the Division of Extension, University of Tennessee, have been worth \$867,023.95 to the farmers in this state in gains and in selling prices in saving on purchases."

The Conference of Social Workers for this State will be held at Johnson City on April 4 to 7, inclusive. The Division of Extension will discuss the matter

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of county organization for economic and social work. This is considered a time for cooperation.

The Secretary has designated Dr. R. W. Tuck, Veterinary Inspector to make an address on "Cooperation in City, State, and Federal Meat Inspection" before the Association of Food and Drug Officials of the South Central States at Chattanooga on April 28.

TEXAS.

The Directors and State leaders in the negro work for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana will meet at Prairie View on April 28 and 29.

The district meetings for the home demonstration agents continue through this month at the following places:

Waco.....	April 9 to 13
Arlington.....	" 13 " 16
Canyon.....	" 19 " 23

Miss Kewen will be present at these meetings and discuss home improvement and beautification.

Miss Reese will be present also and put on a special program in dairy work.

The eight weeks course in automobiles and tractors being held by the Engineering Department of the A. & M. College began on February 18 and will continue to be held every two weeks until June 9.

The American Farm Bureau Federation of Texas is under the name of the Texas State Council of Agriculture, organized at Waco on December 12. John T. Orr of Dallas County is the president and W. B. Lowery, vice-president.

VIRGINIA

The meeting of the Directors and the State leaders in negro work for Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina will be held at Hampton on April 8 and 9.

Mr. I. O. Schaub is now visiting his territory and will be present at the meeting of district agents held at Lynchburg on April 3.

WEST VIRGINIA

Miss Madge Reese is requested to make Ohio County a field of labor for April 19 with "Milk as a Food" the subject of interest.

Mr. Kendrick, the boys club agent of this State gives the date of May 3 & 4 for the holding in Washington of the conference of the Tri-State 4-H Camp Boys' Agricultural Clubs.

